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A system for negotiating acquisition of telematic data from at least one vehicle traveling along a traffic route and including a probe detector collecting telematic data. A system node provides a first polling signal including a first purchase offer. The probe detector responds to the first polling signal by comparing the first purchase offer to a selling price. If the first purchase offer at least meets the selling price, the probe detector transmits an availability signal to the system node including an assent ~~parameter~~ agreeing to the sale ~~to the system node~~ in response to the polling signal. If the system node accepts the availability signal, it transmits a release signal, and the telematic data is transmitted from the probe detector on the vehicle to the system node. ~~The system node and probe detector may negotiate the price through multiple polling signals before release of the telematic data.~~ The telematic data includes information that is processed by the system node, possibly in combination with a telematic base, to produce traffic condition information and predictions of future traffic conditions. ~~The traffic information is sold to the vehicle with the probe detector and other users, sometimes in exchange for the telematic data.~~